

Application No. 10/646,603
Amendment dated August 10, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 26, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 03-12265

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 20 through 23 as double patenting with Applicants' parent application, and for being anticipated by Yamada, U.S. Patent No. 5,469,725. Accordingly, Applicants hereby amend said claims to obviate these rejections and add new claims 38 through 41, in keeping with the interview between the Examiner and Applicants' attorney, Kelly W. Cunningham, Esq. on August 9, 2004.

Claims 20 through 23 and 38 through 41 therefore remain in this application. Claims 1 through 19 and 24 through 37 have previously been cancelled without prejudice to any future or pending application covering the same or similar subject matter. No new matter has been added to this application by way of any of the foregoing amendments.

In the August 9, 2004 interview, the Examiner indicated that the teachings of the prior art may be overcome either by positively reciting that the push button rotates or by reciting that the push button passes through the handle. Applicants' attorney proposed to amend claim 21 to positively recite that the push button rotates, and submit new independent claim 38 which would recite that the push button passes through the handle.

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Having responded to each of the Examiner's concerns, Applicants assert that the application is now in condition for allowance and solicits such action. If a telephone interview will advance the allowance of the application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicants request the Examiner contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

It is not believed that any additional fees are due; however, in the event any additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' attorney's deposit account no. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

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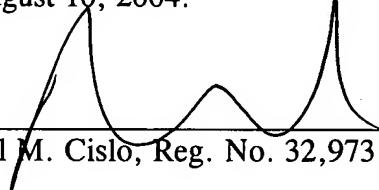


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